

White Sands National Monument

PUBLIC USE COUNTING AND REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

Following are detailed instructions for collecting and reporting data to be entered on Form 10-157, Revised, Monthly Public Use Report by White Sands National Monument. These instructions are effective the date of issuance and will continue in effect unless changed by amendment or by memorandum from the Public Use Statistics Program Center to the superintendent approving a requested change.

Each item below describes the procedures to be followed in collecting public use data and summarizing the various elements of those data for entry on the corresponding line on the 10-157, Monthly Public Use Report.

Recreation Visits

1. An inductive loop traffic counter is located at the entrance road to the park . The vehicle count is reduced for non-recreation vehicles (actual count), non-reportable vehicles (30 per day), and buses. The reduced vehicle count is multiplied by the persons-per-vehicle multiplier of 3.2.
2. The number of bus passengers.
3. The number of visitors to Lake Lucero.

Non-recreation Visits

The number of non-recreation visitors. This includes the number of film production employees.

Recreation Visitor Hours

Recreation visitor hours are the sum of the subtotals of each of the activities listed in Table 1. Each subtotal is the result of multiplying the number of visitors associated with that activity by its length-of-stay multiplier. The length-of-stay multipliers are listed as hours.

Table 1
Visitors Use and Length of Stay Multipliers

Activity	Length of Stay
Visitors arriving by automobile	0.5 Hour
Visitors arriving by bus	1.5 Hours
Visitors to Lake Lucero	3 Hours
Visitors on Sunset Stroll	1 Hour
Visitors on Other Walks	1 Hour
Visitors on Full Moon Wall	1 Hour
Visitors at Evening Programs	1 Hour
Visitors on Bus Tour	0.5 Hour
Visitors at On-Site Programs	1 Hour
Visitors at Off-Site Programs	1 Hour
Visitors at On-Site School Programs	1 Hour
Visitors on Off-Site School Programs	1 Hour
Backcountry Overnight Stays	12 Hours per Overnight Stay

Non-recreation Visitor Hours

The number of hours in the park by non-recreation visitors. This is keep on a daily log sheet.

Overnight Stays

NPS Backcountry - Miscellaneous Sites

The number of overnight stays by backcountry campers.

Special Use Data

Line a. The number of bus passengers

Line n. The number of buses